

Abstract Of The Disclosure

A driver information system for a motor vehicle having an operator control for operating the driver information system, a device for detecting travel of the motor vehicle, and a control for limiting and/or preventing an operation of the driver information system via the operator control in the case that motor vehicle travel is recognized, in which a device for detecting the occupancy of a passenger seat of the vehicle is provided, and the control is designed to at least partially cancel the limitation and/or prevent the operation of the driver information system. A driver information system advantageously makes use of a signal that is available in many vehicles and indicates the occupancy of a passenger seat, in order to influence a speed-lock function of the driver information system and, thus, also during vehicle travel, to render possible an operation of the driver information system to a full extent or to an extent that is at least expanded as compared to the speed-lock function. At the same time, the advantages of the speed-lock function, namely that the driver is distracted to a lesser degree by the operation of the vehicle information system, are retained, so that the result is better concentration on the actual driving task and, ultimately, improved traffic safety.